

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **Rep. Bill Tash**, on January 13, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)  
Rep. Rick Dale (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)  
Rep. Dan McGee (R)  
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bob Story (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Scott J Orr (R)

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Williams, Legislative Branch  
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB205, HB96, HB58, 1/13/1999

**HEARING ON HB96**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Larry Grinde

**EXHIBIT** (nah09a01)

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

Bud Clinch, Director Of Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.1 - 5.7}*

Clive Rooney, DNRC

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.6}*

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Larry Grinde

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**HEARING ON HB58**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Cindy Younkin

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.1}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Mark Simonich, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ) **EXHIBIT** (nah09a02)

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.7}*

Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2}*

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

Jim Hill, DEQ

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Cindy Younkin

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**HEARING ON HB205**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Tash

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.1}***

Rep. Bill Tash moves to amend HB205. **EXHIBIT**(nah09a03)

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.9}***

John Baucus, Helena Valley Irrigation District **EXHIBIT**(nah09a04)

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.9 - 15.5}***

Steve Snezek, Montana Association of Realtors

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 16.2}***

Ed Everaert, Greenfields Irrigation District

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.4 - 19.1}***

Lorna Karn, Montana Farm Bureau

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.7}***

Jon Metropoulos, FJBC

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21}***

Jane Jelinski, MACO

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23}***

John Bloomquist

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.1}***

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Bill Tash

***{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.6}***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

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REP. BILL TASH, Chairman

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DEBBIE THOMPSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (nah09aad)